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MS AMENDMENT

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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2006, the period for response
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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph at page 2, lines 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the specification and replace with the following paragraph:

A user would first open the lid and remove the threader. She would then place the threader inside the container and use the hook on the threader to snare a wipe. She would then pull the wipe through the top of the container. The threader would be reattached to the lid so that is it could be later be used if retrieval of the wipe is later needed.

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A wipe dispenser comprising:
a web, the web containing a plurality of pre-moistened wipes, each pre-moistened wipe attached to a subsequent pre-moistened wipe;
a container enclosing web, the container having a foramen for dispensing a wipe from the roll of pre-moistened wipes; ~~and~~
a threader removably attached to the wipe dispenser for pulling a wipe through the foramen, the threader having a first end and a second end where the first end is opposite to the second end, the second having a handle, and a snag is attached to the first end;
an ovular hole so that the threader may be placed through the hole in order to engage the web;
a canal connecting the foramen to the hole; and
a cap, where the foramen and the hole are contained within the cap, the cap having a lid, the lid having a snap means for securing the threader to the lid.

2. – 9. Cancelled.

10. (Currently amended) The wipe dispenser of claim 9 1 where the cap has a recessed interior, and the foramen and the hole are contained within the recessed interior.

11. (Original) The wipe dispenser of claim 10 where the lid is closeable over the recessed interior.

12. (Original) The wipe dispenser of claim 11 where the snag is a hook.

13. (Original) The wipe dispenser of claim 12 where the hook is tapered to a point.

14.-28. (Cancelled)

29. (New) A wipe dispenser comprising:
a web, the web containing a plurality of pre-moistened wipes, each pre-moistened wipe attached to a subsequent pre-moistened wipe;
a container enclosing web, the container having a foramen for dispensing a wipe from the roll of pre-moistened wipes;
a threader for pulling a portion of the web through the foramen; and
snap means for securing the threader to the container when the threader is not in use.
30. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 29 where the container has a lid, and the snap means is located on the lid.
31. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 30 further comprising
an ovular hole so that the threader may be placed through the hole in order to engage the web.
32. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 31 further comprising:
a canal connecting the foramen to the hole.
33. (New) A wipe dispenser comprising:
a container for enclosing a web of pre-moistened wipes, the container having a foramen for dispensing a wipe from the roll of pre-moistened wipes; and
a threader for pulling a portion of the web through the foramen, the threader releasably attached to the container so that the theader may be attached to the container when not in use.

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34. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 33 where the container has a lid, and where the theader is releasably attached to the lid.

35. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 34 where the threader is releasably attached to the lid by way of a snap.

36. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 35 further comprising a hole so that the threader may be placed through the hole in order to engage the web.

37. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 36 further comprising a canal connecting the foramen to the hole.

38. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 37 where the hole is ovular.

39. (New) The wipe dispenser of claim 38 where the threader has a first end and a second end where the first end is opposite to the second end and a snag is attached to the first end.

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REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Waggoner for his careful attention to this application.

Specification Amendment

The specification has been amended to correct "is" to --it--.

Claims 1-13

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate claims 2-9 as suggested by the examiner. Therefore, this claim is allowable. Claims 10-13 depend from Claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

Claims 14-28

Claims 14-28 have been cancelled.

Claims 29-32

New claim 29 is for a wipe dispense having a web of pre-moistened wipes, a container enclosing web, the container having a foramen, and a snap means for securing the threader to the container when the threader is not in use.

Marguiles (U.S. 4,462,507) shows a wipe dispenser. Bonk (U.S. 3,986,479) shows a leader attached to the web. However, neither reference show a threader attachable to the container when the threader is not in use. In Bonk, the leader is used to initially pull the web through the top of the container. There is no indication of what happens to the leader once it has been used to pull a portion of the web through the top of the container. However, there is nothing to show or suggest that the leader is attachable to the container when not in use.

Claims 33-37

New claim 33 requires a container for enclosing a web of pre-moistened wipes,

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the container having a foramen for dispensing a wipe from the roll of pre-moistened wipes, a threader releasably attached to the container for pulling a portion of the web through the foramen; and snap means for securing the threader to the container. Bonk does not show a threader which is releasably attached to the container. There is also no snap means for securing the threader to the container.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and these remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly and respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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